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| In re Application of          | : |                           |
| Messaoud Benantar             | : |                           |
| Application No. 09/734,810    | : |                           |
| Filed: December 11, 2000      | : | DECISION ON PETITION      |
| Attorney Docket Number: AUS9- | : | UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B) |
| 2000-0808-US1                 | : |                           |
| Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  | : |                           |
| MANAGING A DISTRIBUTED TRUST  | : |                           |
| PATH LOCATOR FOR PUBLIC KEY   | : |                           |
| CERTIFICATES RELATING TO THE  | : |                           |
| TRUST PATH OF AN X.509        | : |                           |
| ATTRIBUTE CERTIFICATE         | : |                           |

This is a decision on the petition filed November 14, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

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- 1 A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.137(b) must be accompanied by:
- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
  - (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
  - (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
  - (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit an Appeal Brief within two-months of the filing of a Notice of Appeal, filed on August 23, 2005. No extensions of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were received. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 24, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 3, 2006.

With the present petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, an appeal brief, and the proper statement of unintentional delay. No terminal disclaimer is required.

The fee associated with the filing of an Appeal Brief has been charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account, as authorized in the petition.

As such, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the Appeal Brief can be processed.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225<sup>2</sup>. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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<sup>2</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).